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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6761

BILL NUMBER: HB 1143

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2014

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Environmental Rules and Standards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the Environmental Rules Board from adopting a rule or standard that is more stringent than the corresponding regulation or standard established under federal law. It makes corresponding changes in the law concerning the adoption of environmental rules.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill provides that the Environmental Rules Board may not adopt a rule that is more stringent than a corresponding federal regulation or standard. The bill could affect state and local expenditures to the extent that it may prohibit the imposition of rules that could generate more or less revenue or spending by state and local governments. The impact is indeterminable and would depend on the nature and number of rules affected by this bill.

This bill could also reduce expenses of the Environmental Rules Board to the extent that the board may not have to meet as often because its workload could be diminished.

Explanation of State Revenues: See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Environmental Rules Board.

Local Agencies Affected: Potentially all local units of government.

Information Sources:

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